the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakh while for projects costing above Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 25 lakh, the rate of margin money assistance is 30 per cent of Rs. 10 lakh plus 10 per cent of the balance cost of the project. The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) target is to generate 25 lakh jobs under the REGP. During the first two years of the Tenth Plan *i.e.*, 2002-2003 and 2003-04, 8.3 lakh jobs were created under the REGP.

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana

71. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last three years; and

(b) the details of amount utilized as well as unutilized out of the above?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government allocates funds for subsidy, Entrepreneurial Development Training (EDT), contingencies, etc., based on the targets of generation of employment opportunities allocated to the individual States/Union Territories (UTs). The Central funds for subsidy are routed through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which, in turn, passes them on to the implementing banks for crediting the amounts to the loan accounts of individual beneficiaries. It has not been possible to get from the RBI the amounts of subsidies actually utilized in individual States/ UTs. However, the funds for EDT, contingencies, etc. are released by the Central Government directly to the States/UTs. Details of the PMRY funds so released to Uttar Pradesh, utilisation of the funds reported by the State Government and balance funds with the State Government during the last three years, *i.e.*, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 under the PMRY are at enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of Funds Released, Utilised and Balance in Uttar Pradesh during 2001-02, 2002-03 & 2003-04 under the PMRY

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Total Funds Released to the State Govt.	Total Funds Utilised by the State Govt.	Balance Funds with the State Govt.
2001-2002	363.92	351.68	12.24
2002-2003	204.36	423.31	-218.95
2003-2004	402.53	362.45	40.08

Note: 1. Rs. 5 lakh released in addition during 2001-02 to Uttar Pradesh for developing an interactive web site for the PMRY.

Note: 2. Surplus/deficit in the release of these grants in a financial year is adjusted in the next financial year. There was a deficit in the funds released in 2002-03 due to the need to divert funds for assistance to the Gujarat riot victims for undertaking economic activities. The backlog of dificits upto the year 2003-04 has been released in 2004-05.

Promotion of ARIs in Uttar Pradesh

72. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps Government have taken to promote agro-based industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the rural industries under implementation in the State; and

(c) the details of funds allotted, sanctioned, released and utilized for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) To promote agro and rural industries in the country, including Uttar Pradesh, the Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the KVIC. Under this programme, an entrepreneur can establish a village industry, by availing of margin money assistance from the KVIC and loans from any public sector scheduled commercial bank, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh. Projects costing upto Rs. 10 lakh